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CAPTAIN BRITAIN

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**MARVEL
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Stan Lee
PRESENTS:

CAPTAIN BRITAIN!

5:59 P.M.! TWO COSTUMED HEROES AND ONE PRIME MINISTER STAND BEFORE THE RED SKULL'S NAZI FIRING SQUAD, AS THE FINAL SIXTY SECONDS OF THEIR LIVES TICK RAPIDLY AWAY! ALL HOPE FOR THEM, AND EVEN FOR BRITAIN ITSELF, SEEMS EXHAUSTED ON THIS...

THE NIGHT BIG BEN STOOD STILL!

IT APPEARS THAT PARLIAMENT HAS VOTED TO REFUSE THE SKULL'S ULTIMATUM!

THEY'RE NOT HANDING THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT OVER TO HIM--

--EVEN TO SAVE THE LIFE OF THEIR PRIME MINISTER!

AND RIGHTFULLY SO! NO MAN IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN FREEDOM!

WELL SPOKEN, SIR! THOSE ARE WORDS I'VE ALWAYS LIVED BY--

--AND I'M CONTENT TO DIE BY!

SILENCE, SCHWEINEHUNDS! YOUR ATTEMPTS AT MARTYRDOM FALL ON DEAF EARS!

YOUR COUNTRYMEN HAVE FAILED YOU! IN THIRTY SECONDS, YOU WILL BE NOTHING MORE--

--THAN A TRIVIAL MEMORY!

GARY FRIEDRICH--WRITER
HERB TRIMPE } ARTISTS
FRANK GIACOIA }
J. WATANABE--LETTERER
GEORGE ROUSSOS--COLOURIST
LARRY LIEBER--EDITOR

BUT THAT SAME INSTANT, AT THE UNDERGROUND HEADQUARTERS OF S.T.R.I.K.E.---

THIS IS HUNTER! PATCH ME THROUGH TO THE RED SKULL-- IMMEDIATELY!

PARLIAMENT HAS VOTED TO SURRENDER!

I JUST PRAY THAT NAZI LUNATIC ISN'T WEARING A WATCH THAT RUNS FAST!

ONLY TEN SECONDS TO GO!

EXECUTIONERS... READY... AIM...



THIS IS COMMANDER HUNTER! PARLIAMENT WILL MEET YOUR DEMANDS!

DID YOU HEAR WHAT I SAID? ANSWER ME!



THEN THE PRIME MINISTER IS SAFE! THANK HEAVENS!

ALL RIGHT-- LET'S HAVE YOUR DEMANDS! I'LL BEGIN CARRYING THEM OUT IMMEDIATELY!

WHEN THE PHONE BEEPED, THE SKULL STOPPED THE EXECUTION!

PARLIAMENT MUST HAVE GIVEN IN TO HIM!

WE'VE BEEN SPARED, BUT THE COST-- ENSLAVEMENT OF A NATION-- IS TOO GREAT!

THIS, SEVERAL MINUTES LATER, AS THE RED SKULL DICTATES HIS DEMANDS TO THE EMBATTLED DIRECTOR OF S.T.R.I.K.E.:



AND, TWO HOURS LATER...



WAKE UP, FURY! SNAP OUT OF IT, MAN!



A LOT'S HAPPENED WHILE YOU SLEPT! YOUR HOLIDAY IS OVER!



SORRY I HAD TO PUT YOU AWAY! --BUT I COULDN'T CHANCE YOUR BOTCHING OUR OPERATION!

OKAY! CAN THE APOLOGIES AND GIVE ME A RUN-DOWN!

*LAST ISH --LARRY.

MINUTES LATER...

...SO, BY AGREEING TO THE SKULL'S TERMS, WE'VE BOUGHT SOME TIME!

--BUT EVEN THESE FEW PRECIOUS HOURS MIGHT NOT BE TIME ENOUGH TO LOCATE THE SKULL!

DID YOU GET ANY LEAD ON HIS WHEREABOUTS WHILE I WAS COUNTIN' SHEEP?



NO! AND EVEN WORSE--HE'S PLANTED A DEADLY GERM BOMB IN BIG BEN!

THE EXPLOSIVE IS SET TO DETONATE WHEN THE CLOCK STRIKES MIDNIGHT--BUT I'M GOING TO TRY TO DEFUSE IT BEFORE THEN!

THAT'S WHY I AWAKENED YOU. I NEED YOU TO TAKE OVER S.T.R.I.K.E. COMMAND CENTRE IN MY ABSENCE! WILL YOU DO IT?



LOOK, HUNTER, I AIN'T NO DESK JOCKEY! IF I DON'T GET ME SOME ACTION SOON, I'M GONNA FLIP THIS OLD GREY LID!

C'MON, GIMME A BREAK! LET ME TACKLE THAT BOMB!



SORRY, COLONEL, BUT I COMPARED OUR RECORDS! I'VE HAD LOTS OF EXPERIENCE IN DEMOLITIONS! YOU HAVEN'T!

SO SIT TIGHT AND HOPE FOR A BREAK! IF YOU GET ONE--DON'T HESITATE TO MOUNT A FULL-SCALE ATTACK!

OKAY, MISTER! WATCH YERSELF! DON'T GET SPLATTERED ALL OVER THE CITY THAT YOU'RE TRYIN' TO SAVE!

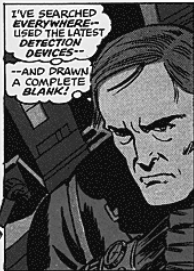






WHILE, AT THAT SAME MOMENT,
DEEP WITHIN THE WORKS OF BIG
BEN...

ALL RIGHT, BUT NOW
HOW DO I LOCATE
THE BOMB WITHIN
THIS MECHANICAL
MAZE?



I'VE SEARCHED
EVERYWHERE--
USED THE LATEST
DETECTION
DEVICES--

--AND DRAWN
A COMPLETE
BLANK!



ONLY ONE THING TO DO! SINCE
WE'VE RECENTLY HAD TROUBLE
WITH BIG BEN, THE PUBLIC MIGHT
NOT GROW SUSPICIOUS WHEN...

...I STOP THE CLOCK!



I READ YA, HUNTER, BUT WHAT
GIVES? WHAT GOOD'S IT GONNA
DO?

I'M NOT CER-
TAIN -- BUT
IT'S A GOOD
BET THE
BOMB WILL
BE DETONATED
BY THE
CLOCK'S MOVE-
MENT!

THEREFORE,
IF THE CLOCK
ISN'T RUNNING
--THEN I'VE AT
LEAST BOUGHT
US SOME
TIME!

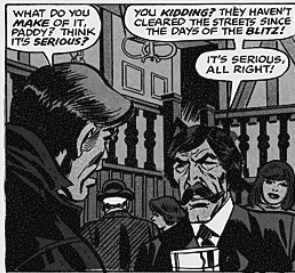
HUNTER
TO S.T.R.I.K.E.
CONTROL!
ORDER BIG
BEN STOPPED!



MOMENTS
LATER...

A STATE OF EMER-
GENCY HAS BEEN
DECLARED! ALL
CITIZENS ARE ORDERED
TO EVACUATE THE
STREETS
IMMEDIATELY!

NO REASON FOR
THESE MEASURES
HAVE BEEN GIVEN,
BUT IT'S SUSPECTED
THEY ARE CONNECTED
WITH THE KIDNAP-
PING OF THE PRIME
MINISTER!



WHAT DO YOU
MAKE OF IT,
PADDY? THINK
IT'S SERIOUS?

YOU KIDDING? THEY HAVEN'T
CLEARED THE STREETS SINCE
THE DAYS OF THE BLITZ!

IT'S SERIOUS,
ALL RIGHT!



AND EVEN AS A CITY TREMBLES
IN DREAD SPECULATION--

BRITISH FOOLS! IF THEY
THINK BY THROWING A
MERE SWITCH THEY
CAN END BY THREAT--

--THEY ARE SADLY
MISTAKEN! FOR IF
WITH THE AID OF MY
COMPUTER COMPLEX, I
CAN CONTROL THE
DESTINY OF ALL
MANKIND--

--MOST
ASSUREDLY I
CAN CONTROL
THE SIMPLE
WORKINGS OF
A CLOCK!



NEXT: "THE FALL OF THE FOURTH REICH?"

Tell it to The CAPTAIN!



DOUBLE FAULT

Dear Chris,

So far I am fairly pleased with Captain Britain, but it does have two major faults. The first is that you are making Brian Braddock, Courtney Ross and Jacko Tanner too much like Peter Parker, Gwen Stacy and Flash Thompson. Captain Britain is Britain's only Marvel superhero, so let's have him as original as possible. Also, I think you should get rid of the Fun Page. Apart from this the mag's quite

good, especially with Herb Trimpe and Fred Kida doing the artwork.

David Doherty,
148 Stafford Grove Rd.,
Sheffield 7.

We take your point on the superficial similarities 'twixt some of the Cap B and Spidey characters. But cut the fun-page? If you could read our mail you'd know what a risk we'd be taking if we considered dropping it!

CAP BRITAIN THE FIRST

Dear Marvel,

I have been drawing my own comics for about three years now and my very first hero was called Captain Britain. He was dressed in red, white and blue, like yours, but his weapons were a shield and a trident, just like those of Britannia, who used to appear on some pre-decimal coins.

Michael Bower,
278 Walmley Rd., Sutton Coldfield,
W.Mids.

Congratulations, Mike. You know what they say about great minds.

GUEST STARS, ALWAYS WELCOME

Dear Gary,

Captain Britain is an excellent character, but one that can be easily spoilt if not handled in the right manner.

While reading CB ish 13 I came across a serious fault. Page 3, panel 1, I quote: "Braddock Manor, the stately residence of . . . Brian Braddock." Shades of Batman! Please don't turn CB into a huge comedy strip. I think that CB could develop into a well-respected creations and I sincerely hope he will.

Another important factor is guest visits from American characters. I think that a foe or friend such as Captain America would not be as suitable as would the Hulk. The reason for this is that CB needs someone with opposite powers to ensure an entertaining battle, not another 'gimmick' guy.

Marcus Lyon,
57 Cole Park Rd., Twickenham, Middx.

Fear not, Marcus. We're treading very warily indeed in the matter of the gradual creation of the niceties of the characterisation of Captain Britain and Brian Braddock. We're determined that he shouldn't become a 'cliche' character, because he's too important a milestone in Marvel's long career. And guest-stars are natural. They're already queuing up to make the trip. Just give it a little time . . .



MARVEL COMICS, TUBS HILL HOUSE,
SEVENOAKS, KENT

STAMP QUIZ



DO YOU KNOW:

What country has SUOMI on its stamps?
What country has EIRE on its stamps?
What country has MAGYAR on its stamps?
What country has NORGE on its stamps?
Prizes: 25 diff. choice stamps sent free for each correct answer. If all 4 answers correct we will send you a specially imported collection of 100 diff. world wide stamps (catalogue value £5.00) plus the famous 90-year old British 'PENNY LILAC' stamp, as illustrated. Please enclose a 5 (p) stamp for postage. Our Special Approvals will also be sent to all entrants. (Please tell your parents you are writing.)

THE STAMP CLUB

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THE HORN OF DOOM!

WHAT'S GOING ON, REED? CAN *THAT* GUY WALKING ON AIR BE THE *DANGER* AGATHA HARKNESS TOLD US ABOUT?

HE *MUST* BE! SHE SAID THE MENACE HAS JUST REACHED EARTH! THE TIMING'S TOO CLOSE FOR COINCIDENCE!

STAN LEE--WRITER/EDITOR
JOHN BUSCEMA--PENCILLER
JOE SINNOTT--INKER
ARTIE SIMEK--LETTERER

CONFUSED, DEAR READER? WELL, *SO* ARE THE F.F.! BUT WE'LL ALL LEARN THE DEADLY ANSWER SOON!

I STILL DON'T GIT IT! WHAT'S THE DANGER?

HE AINT HURTIN' NOTHIN' UP THERE.

MRS. HARKNESS DOESN'T CRY WOLF, BEN!

WE DARE NOT IGNORE HER WARNING!

THEN, AFTER A NORTHERN JOURNEY AT THE FANTASTI-CAR'S TOP SPEED--

WE'RE NEARING OUR GOAL, DEAR! THE GYRO-TRACK IS STARTING TO QUIVER

HEADS UP BACK THERE! THIS IS IT!

LOOK! THE REPORTS WERE TRUE! THERE HE IS!

FLAME ON!

DON'T HARM HIM! JUST MAKE HIM FOLLOW US!

JOHNNY! FOLLOW PLAN "T" FOR TAUNT!

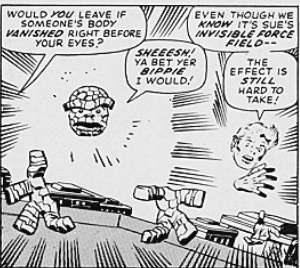
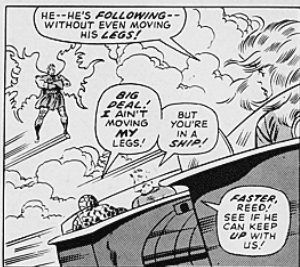
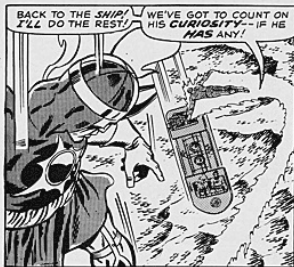
WE'VE GOT TO LURE HIM TO THE LAB!

HEY! HE WON'T EVEN TURN AROUND!

BUT HE CAN'T IGNORE AN EXPLODING FIREBALL!

IT WORKED! HE SEES US!

NOW WHAT DO I DO NEXT?



EVEN THAT
DOESN'T SEEM
TO IMPRESS
HIM!

THIS
TIME
I'LL TRY
SOMETHING
DIFFERENT.

HEY!
WHAT'S
GOIN'
ON?

RELAX, BEN! I'M
JUST LIFTING YOU
--WITH MY FORCE
FIELD!

IT'S NO GOOD, SIS!
NO ONE WHO WALKS
ON AIR HIMSELF
WOULD BE IMPRESSED
WITH THAT!

HE'S--
STARTING
TO TURN!

WE
MUSTN'T
LOSE
HIM!

HEY,
MISTER--
HOLD IT!

FLAME
ON!

I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
REED IS
DOING--

BUT I'VE
GOTTA KEEP
THIS JOKER
HERE TILL
HE GETS
BACK!

EVERYONE
LIKES TO WATCH
SOME
FIREWORKS.

MAYBE THIS'LL HOLD HIS
INTEREST FOR A WHILE.

MINUTES LATER--

I--CAN'T COME
UP WITH ANY
THING MORE!
MY FLAME'S
GETTING WEAK.

HAVE TO
REST--
FOR
A WHILE.



AND THROUGH IT ALL, THE STRANGE, IMPASSIVE FIGURE STANDS SILENT-- STANDS UNMOVED



WE'S LOOKIN' AT US LIKE WE'RE A BUNCH'A BUGS, CRAWLIN' UNDER HIS CLODHOOPPERS!

WELL, WE AINT NO BUGS, NO MATTER WHAT POWER HE'S GOT, WE AINT NO PANTYWAISTS NEITHER!

AN' I'M GONNA PROVE IT-- RIGHT NOW!

EASY NOW, BEN.

IT'LL BE EASY, AWRIGHT!



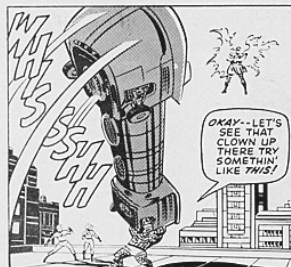
ALL I GOTTA DO IS GRAB ME A HUNK'A THE FANTASTI-CAR--

HEY, BIG BUDDY-- WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



'SMATTER? YA NEVER SAW NOBODY LIFT UP A FEW TONS BEFORE?

NOW STAY OUTTA THE WAY, HOT SHOT! I'M GONNA NEED PLENTY'A ROOM!



OKAY-- LET'S SEE THAT CLOWN UP THERE TRY SOMETHIN' LIKE THIS!



MEANWHILE, AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT, THE FAR-OUT ROOFTOP TABLEAU HAS ATTRACTED MORE THAN A LITTLE INTEREST ON THE PART OF THE CITY'S CITIZENRY--

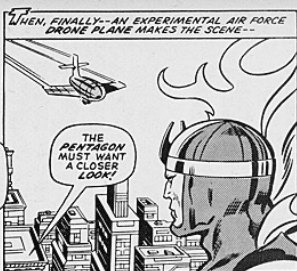
LOOK! THE AIR-WALKER'S ON THE ROOF UP THERE!

THE TORCH JUST LANDED!

HEY! WHAT'S WITH THE THING?

YEAH-- HE'S WITH THE FF!

WHAT ARE THEY DOING UP THERE?



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NEXT WEEK'S

CAPTAIN BRITAIN

W



AND
OL' C.B.
HIMSELF!

THERE'LL BE A

^{NEW!}
**GLOSSY
COVER!**

ORDER YOUR COPY **NOW** TO BE
SURE OF GETTING YOUR FREE GIFT!



WILL BE A LOT DIFFERENT...

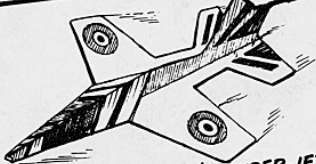
A NEW ARTIST *STARTS DRAWING*
CAPTAIN BRITAIN'S ADVENTURES

**JOHN
BUSCEMA**

MARVEL'S PREMIER
ARTIST TAKES OVER
THE PENCILS AND
GIVES C.B. A
WHOLE NEW LOOK!

**AND
THIS**

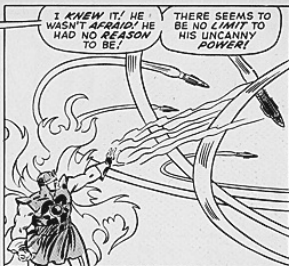
**SENSATIONAL
FREE
GIFT**



CAPTAIN BRITAIN'S SUPERJET!

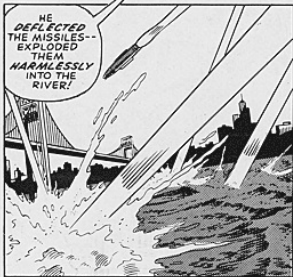


HE--HE'S JUST
STANDING
THERE, AS
THOUGH--

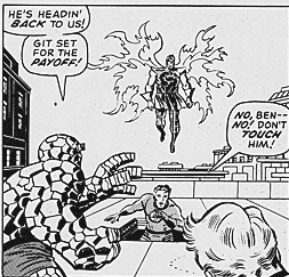


I **KNEW** IT! HE
WASN'T AFRAID! HE
HAD NO **REASON**
TO BE!

THERE SEEMS TO
BE NO **LIMIT** TO
HIS **UNCANNY**
POWER!



HE
DEFLECTED
THE **MISSILES**--
EXPLODED
THEM
HARMLESSLY
INTO THE
RIVER!



HE'S HEADIN'
BACK TO US!

GIT SET
FOR THE
PAYOFF!

NO, BEN--
NO! DON'T
TOUCH
HIM!



IT'S TOO **SOON!**
WE HAVE TO **WAIT**--
TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT HIM!

WATCH! HE'S
TRYING TO
SHOW US
SOMETHING!

HE'S
GRABBIN'
THE
FANTASTIC
CAR!



HE'S **LIFTING** IT
EFFORTLESSLY--
WITH **ONE** HAND!

THE
CREEP'S
TRYIN' TA
SHOW HE'S
AS **STRONG**
AS **ME!**

AND
HE **IS!**



HE'S PROVED HIS POINT! HE'S LEAVING!

HE'S
HEADING FOR THE
CROWD--
DOWN
BELOW!

MEBBE
THAT'S HIS
BAG--SELLIN'
AUTOGRAPHS!



LOOK
OUT!
HE'S
COMING
THIS
WAY!

LOOK AT
HIS
FACE!
HE'S OUT
TO GET
US!



WHAT'RE WE
SCARED OF?
HE'S ONLY
ONE GUY!

IF WE
RUSH 'IM
WE CAN
TAKE
'IM!



HEY WAIT!
WATCH IT!
WHAT'S HE
DOIN'?



SOMETHING'S
PUSHING US
BACK!

IT'S--LIKE A
TORNADO!
CAN'T RESIST
IT!

LOOK!
NOW HE'S
POINTING
AT--THE
TANKS!



HEY! WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

QUICK!
OUT OF
THE TANKS!
--WHILE
YOU CAN!



HOW? HOW?
ALL HE DID
WAS WAVE
AT THEM,
AND--

THEY
MELTED!
--LIKE THEY
WERE
MADE OF
BUTTER!

I DUNNO WHO--
OR WHAT HE IS
--BUT IT'LL TAKE
MORE THAN
WEAPONS
TO BEAT 'IM!

**BE
SILENT,
ALL!**

**WOW! HOW ABOUT
THAT! HE--HE CAN
TALK! AND--IN
OUR LANGUAGE!**



**I HAVE COME TO THIS SICK
AND SAVAGE PLANET TO MAKE
AN ANNOUNCEMENT--**

**YOU MUST PREPARE
FOR THE FINAL
JUDGEMENT--**



**ALL OF
MANKIND
IS
DOOMED!**



**THAT GINCHES
IT! HE IS THE
ONE AGATHA
WARNED US
ABOUT!**

**WE'RE THRU
WAITING!**

**NOW YER
TALKIN',
MISTER!**



**I'LL TACKLE
HIM FIRST!
FLAME
ON!**

**THIS TIME I'M
NOT PULLIN' ANY
PUNCHES!
I'M GONNA--**

**NO! HE'S
DOUSING MY
FLAME!
I--I'M
FALLING!**



JOHNNY!

**I--CAUGHT
HIM--JUST
IN TIME!**

**YOU ARE
SWIFT,
EARTHLING--
WITH POWER
MOST
FORMIDABLE!**

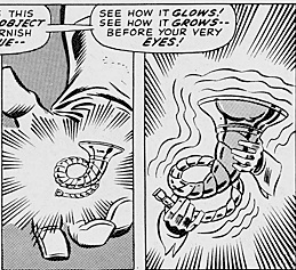


**BUT NEITHER YOUR SPEED NOR
YOUR POWER CAN PREVAIL
AGAINST ME!**

UNHHH!!

**FOR I
AM
NOT TO BE
DEFIED!**





IT IS THE
TRUMPET OF
GABRIEL--
FOR SUCH IS
MY NAME!

I HAVE COME
HERE TO
BLOW
IT--TO LET
MANKIND
KNOW--

THE
**END OF
THE WORLD**
IS AT
HAND!



CONTINUED!

(IF WE MANAGE TO SURVIVE!)



Stan Lee presents

**CAPTAIN
BRITAIN'S**

FUN PAGE

by OWEN MCCARROW

WHO EVER THOUGHT THAT
THE LITTLE TRINKET AT DARKMOOR
WOULD BECOME...

CAPTAIN BRITAIN'S AMULET MAZE

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S
"BRING ON THE BAD GUYS"
SPECIAL!

(HORIZONTAL)

ROW 1: HURRICANE, ANNIHILUS,
DR. DOOM

ROW 2: REAVER, MASTERMIND, LOKI

ROW 3: SENTRY, RED SKULL

ROW 4: MAGNETO,
GALACTUS

HOW MANY WORDS
CAN **YOU** FIND
in

BRITAIN

3-LETTER WORDS

4-LETTER WORDS

5-LETTER WORDS

DON'T DARE MISS OUT ON THE POWER-PACKED ACTION IN THESE TWO GREAT MAGS!

THEY'RE ON SALE
NOW!

AND THEY BOTH CONTAIN THE ANSWERS TO
THE MARVEL MASTERMIND COMPETITION
... DID YOU ENTER?



AT YOUR NEWSAGENT
NOW

STAN LEE
PRESENTS

SPIDEY AND THOR! --TOGETHER!

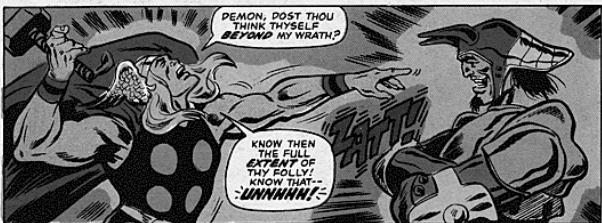
THOR AND SPIDER-MAN HAVE FOUND IT NECESSARY
TO JOURNEY TO ASGARD. THE REASON? LET'S LET
OUR WALL-CRAWLING WONDER EXPLAIN...

WOW! THINGS HERE ARE
JUST AS BAD AS ON EARTH!
TIME'S STOPPED--FROZEN
IN THE INSTANT BETWEEN
SECONDS!

EVERYONE BUT
THOR AND ME--CUT
OFF FROM THE
REAL WORLD!

TIME WAR!

GERRY CONWAY--WRITER
ROSS ANDRU--PENCILLER
JIM MOONEY--INKER
ARTIE SWIEK--LETTERER
ROY THOMAS--EDITOR

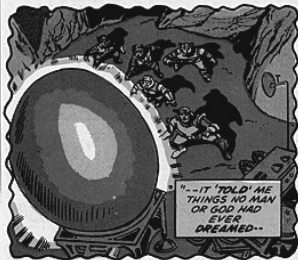




IMPUDENT PUP!
DIDST THOU BELIEVE
I'D BE UNPROTECTED?

THE CRYSTAL PROTECTS
ALL WHO STAND WITHIN
ITS RAYS--YEA, AND MORE
THAN THIS DOES IT DO--

--FOR ON THAT
DAY WHEN FIRST
I FOUND THE
DEVICE, IN A
CAVERN
BENEATH THY
HALLOWED
ASGARD--



"--IT 'TOLD' ME
THINGS NO MAN
OR GOD HAD
EVER
DREAMED--



IN MY MIND, IT
EXPLAINED THE
MYSTERIES OF
THE UNIVERSE!

THOSE MYSTERIES
ARE MYSTERIES
NO LONGER,
THUNDER GOD--

THEY ARE
MERELY
COMPLEX
WEAPONS--



--WEAPONS TO
BE USED
AGAINST THAT
MOST HATED
OF ARROGANT
GODLINGS--

--THE FOUL
FEUDAL LORD
OF ASGARD--
WHO STOLE
BOTH LAND
AND LIFE
FROM MY
TROLL
BRETHREN--



--THE GOD
NAMED
WODEN--

--CALLED
ODIN--
OF
ASGARD!







--BUT YOUR BOSS-
MAN AND I HAVE A
LITTLE BUSINESS
TOGETHER--



--AND IT'S
NOT THE
SORT OF
THING YOU
CAN KEEP
WAITING!

WHAT'S WITH YOU,
UGLY? I'M USED
TO BEING IGNORED
-- BUT THIS IS
RIDICULOUS!



STILL NOT
ANSWERING, HM?

OH-KAY! LET'S SEE
IF YOU PLAY STRONG
AND SILENT ONCE
I'VE--

HUN?

AND AT
THAT VERY
INSTANT,
A MILLION
MILES
AWAY--



AAAAARRH!

MY
CHEST--
MY
CHEST!

BY HELA'S
BLACK BLADE--
WHAT NEW
TRICKERY
IS THIS?



NAY--TIS
NO
TRICKERY--!

KRYLLK
DOETH FALL
--STRUCK
BY SOME
INTERNAL
BLOW--



--AND SO
RECEIVES AN
EXTERNAL
ONE, AS
WELL!



BUT BEFORE THE
ASGARDIAN'S FIST
CAN CONNECT--

--THE WORLD
SEEMS TO
SMUDDER--

--AND THE
CREATURE
CALLED
KRYLLK IS--



GONE!

HIS MEN--THE DARK CRYSTAL-- ALL, ALL BE VANISHED!

BE I MAD? HATH GANITY FLED--AND LEFT ME BEREFT OF SOUL AND SENSES ALIVE?

NOT QUITE, MY PUZZLED FRIEND--



--THOUGH IF KRYLLK HAD CONTINUED TO TAMPER WITH THE TIME CONTINUUM--

--THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE VERY LEAST OF YOUR PROBLEMS!

OD'S BLOOD! I KNOW THEE! ART NOT THOU--



--THE WATCHER!*

THAT'S WHAT HE CALLS HIMSELF, PAL.

HE SAYS THAT CRYSTAL GISHO IS HIS--

--AYE, AND STOLEN BY THIS KRYLLK CREATURE.

BY USING IT TO FREEZE THE SPACE TIME CONTINUUM, HE CREATED A TEMPORAL ECHO--

*C'MON, EVERYBODY KNOWS NIM!--ROY.



--AN ECHO WHICH TOUCHED FIRST ON EARTH--AND THEN ON ASGARD--

--ORIGINATING ONLY HERE, APPARENTLY, KRYLLK INTENDED TO DESTROY ASGARD WHILE ITS GODS STOOD OUTSIDE THE FLOW OF TIME--

--AND TO THIS END, HE FROZE EARTH AS WELL--



--FEARING THAT ITS HEROES MIGHT SOMEHOW PROTECT THE THREATENED ASGARDIANS!

LUCKY HE MISSED US, RIGHT, GOLDI-LOCKS?

AH--BUT WAS IT ONLY LUCK, MY FRIEND?

A QUESTION TO PONDER THUNDER GOD--ON YOUR JOURNEY HOME.

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AND WHEN ALL TRACE OF THE TROLLS WAS REMOVED, THE WATCHER PAUSES...AND YES, PONDERES.

WAS IT LUCK WHICH INVOLVED SPIDER-MAN AND THOR...?

OR WAS IT... AS IT ALWAYS MUST BE... SOMETHING MORE? PERHAPS.

PERHAPS.

THE END!

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